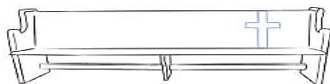


## NEWS FOR THE PEWS

December 14, 2025



### Welcome!

We are thrilled to have you celebrating the joy of the resurrection with us today and every day. We strive to be an open community and safe place where you can receive God's grace, grow in faith, experience fellowship, and serve our world. Whether it is your first service with us or you have been attending your whole life, we hope you know how beloved you are in this family.

### THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday, December 14	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	8:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 AM	Adult Forum
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	11:00 AM	Fellowship Coffee
Monday, December 15	7:00 PM	Boy and Cub Scouts
Tuesday, December 16	7:00 PM	AA/Al-Anon
Wednesday, December 17	7:30 PM	Choir Practice
Sunday, December 21	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	8:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 AM	Adult Forum
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	11:00 AM	Fellowship Coffee Hour
	3:00 PM	Christ and Grace Christmas Celebration with St. John's Choir

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

The Altar Guild is accepting donations now until Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> for Christmas Memorial flowers to decorate the Nave and Narthex. Donation checks can be made payable to St. John's Episcopal Church. Please note on the memo line: Christmas Flowers and the name(s) of those you would like remembered in our Christmas Eve bulletin.

### BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER

8 Alex Heggie, Jackie Colonna  
10 Ivan Mueller 11 Trinity Horner  
12 Carlton Smith, Thea Shoop

15 Rebecca Phoenix, Clay Heath, Peter Smith  
16 Jim Robinson 19 Martin P. Fideli  
22 Henry Gibbons 28 Doug Blake  
29 Teresa Duncan, Ella McBrearty  
31 Dick Pitman, Annette Blankenship

If our name should be included here, please call the Church office so your record can be updated.

### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

We are deeply grateful for the generosity of our parish family, with **\$232,540 in pledges** received so far toward our goal of **\$300,000**. Each pledge is a faithful expression of gratitude and commitment to St. John's and the good works we are accomplishing. If you have not yet made your pledge, please prayerfully consider joining us in this important effort. Together, we can continue to grow in faith and serve as a beacon of God's love in our community. Kim Courington

### CHRISTMAS MOTHER

Because you cared to share your blessings so generously with those less fortunate, St. John's provided gifts to meet every item on the wish lists of our adopted family and seniors. In her thank you note to us Christmas Mother, Carol Ricker, offered the following message: "May your heart be uplifted throughout the year with the joy you have given others." Thank you!

### KIWANIS CHRISTMAS PARADE

Please join us after church today as we put the finishing touches on our St. John's parade float. There are plenty of things you can do to contribute, so take a look at the signup sheet at coffee hour! The Parade is TODAY at 2 PM.

### BIRTHDAY PARTY

On Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, during coffee hour, we will have a birthday party for Jesus! Ice cream and cake and other goodies will be served. Please bring a homemade birthday card and join in the fun.



Left your contribution at home? Scan this QR code with your smartphone to make a donation to St. John's.

### **Please Remember in Your Prayers**

Jim Colonna, Father Keith Gentry,  
Jaydon Robinson, Jordyn Prohett,  
Sharon Pruitt (Don Raybould's sister),  
Kim Gentry (Father Keith's brother),  
Quinten Sierra, Rosa Maria Julia Barrientos  
(Mauricio's Mother), Cathy Frazer,  
The Germiller Family, Britt Young and Family,  
Marguerite Alley, Marianne Branigan,  
Gene Thompson, Rita & Billy Johnson,  
Melissa Fields, Jim Krech, Una Harrison,  
Webster and Joy Maughan,  
Vienna Grace Cale,  
The Cale Family,  
The Macri Family

### **Those Who Serve**

Col. Ernesto M. DiVittorio,  
Rear Admiral Brett W. Mietus,  
Colonel Amalia DiVittorio, Major Jeffrey Shields,  
Staff Sergeant Reade Whitner Enochs,  
Staff Sergeant Ryan Steidel and  
Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Damien Carter,  
Deputy Sheriff Donald H. Farr

### **In God's Eternal Keeping**

Thomas Gardner  
Robert Novak (Don Raybould's Brother-in-Law)

### **Parishioners @ Home**

Maggi Twilley, Betty Ann Messerly, Julie Johnson,  
Sandy Weilbacher, and Millie Johnson

### **Participating in Today's Liturgy**

**December 14, 2025**

Ministers: The People of St. John's  
Reverend Mary Margaret Winn, Rector  
Aubrey Lindsey, Organist and Music Director  
Bryant Watson, Violinist

Chris Day, Live Streaming

8:00 am Security, Jay Ellington

10:00 am Inside Security, Alan Thibault

Outside Security, Jay Ellington

**Lay Eucharist Ministers) LEMs**

8:00 am – Pat Robinson

10:00 am – Sadie Morgan

**Lectors: 8:00 am**

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson – Paula Saddler

2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson – Bryan Saddler

**Lectors: 10:00 am**

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson – Carlene Gentry

2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson – Jodi Mountfort

Jan Keavy & Don Farr - Ushers

Don Farr & Dick Pitman - Tellers

Valerie Miser, Brenda Wood

& Donna Horner - Altar Guild

Brenda Wood - Greens

### **St. John's Vestry**

Kathy Ellington, Senior Warden

Larry Maher, Junior Warden (Property)

John Maxwell, Junior Warden (Strategy)

Kim Courington, Stewardship & Finance

Guy Smith, Health & Safety

Jody Mountfort, Parish Life

Tanya Scott, Christian Formation

Hazel Sloane, Register

Lalin Peiris, Treasurer

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<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b>		
<b>December 21</b>	3:00 pm	Christ & Grace Christmas Celebration St. John's Choir will perform
<b>December 24</b>	4:30 pm	Christmas Eve Service at St. John's
<b>December 25</b>	9:00 am	Christmas Morning Prayer